

# The Manchester Journal.

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Senator Sumner's health is very poor and he is under the care of a physician. He is not allowed to mingle in politics, and reads but little.

An ice gorge in the Mississippi, at Memphis, broke the other day, and the ice came down on the steamers, with such force, that several of them were wrecked, and a large loss of property resulted. This is unusual so far south as Memphis.

The King of the Sandwich Islands is dead, and not leaving any child to take his place as sovereign, the constitution empowered him to appoint his successor, but neglecting to do this, the affairs of the government have reached a crisis, and it is not unlikely that a Republic will be the result.

Wm. Orton has sold back his shares in the New York Tribune, Mr. Colfax not consenting to the management of it, and it is understood the paper will be run, as Mr. Greeley intended it should be run, which is considered a great triumph for independent journalism, if any body knows what that means.

A Washington correspondent of the Evening Traveller writes that Mr. Boutwell has written his letter of resignation as Secretary of the Treasury, to take effect February 15th, when he will retire from the Cabinet and proceed to Massachusetts. He is a candidate for the Senatorship about to be made vacant by the election of Senator Wilson to the Vice Presidency. It is understood that Secretary Fish will also resign.

The past year has been an eventful one. We have passed through a very singular and exciting presidential election and have settled enormous claims against foreign nations without a resort to arms. During the year death has seized upon many prominent citizens of our country, among whom were Gen. Mead, Hon' Wm. H. Seward, James Gordon Bennett, Horace Greeley, Prof Morse, Edwin Forrest, and many others. The coming year will hardly be as prolific in exciting events, but the wise cannot tell what may be in store.

A fearful snow slide recently occurred in Utah, in the Cottonwood district, by which twelve men were buried and killed. An avalanche, 600 feet wide and 12 feet deep, came down, crossing the stage-road, and carrying away from eight to ten teams and their drivers, taking them 1500 feet across the Cottonwood Creek. The slide came from the mountain, a distance of a mile, with frightful speed and force. The storm prevented any warning of its approach until it was upon the lines of teams passing at the point where it crossed the road. Men, mules, wagons and sacks of ore were carried away like wisps. The body of snow where shovellers are at work is very large and the excavations very slow. One dead body has been recovered.

The Arnold calico print works at North Adams were burned to the ground on Friday morning before daylight, with a loss of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, upon which there is less than \$80,000 insurance. The fire took in the second story. The mills have been running evenings lately so great was the demand for the goods. About 150 hands are thrown out of employment by the fire. The works were founded in 1843. The average amount of calico produced daily was 58,500 yards, and there were 25,000 pieces in the mill when burned. The senior proprietor, Harvey Arnold, was absent in New York at the time. Although over 10 years of age it is thought that he will immediately rebuild. He is a very wealthy man, owning the largest interest in seven or eight prosperous cotton and woolen mills.

## A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

This is the season of the year when frightful accidents are more frequent than at any other, but this season has been more prolific than usual. Owing to stormy weather several vessels have been lost at sea, but the loss of life and property has not been computed. On the coast of the British Isles it is estimated that nearly four hundred have perished in the past few weeks.

During the past week in our own country, have occurred two accidents with frightful loss of life. One in Pennsylvania on the Buffalo, Croton and Pittsburgh Railroad, caused by a broken wheel, by which the cars were thrown from the track over a trestle work, and taking fire the passengers were nearly all killed or dangerously hurt. Twenty-one dead bodies were recovered and identified, how many more were killed is not known.

On Christmas day the floor of the Baptist Church at Newbury, Pa., gave way, precipitating five hundred people into the cellar below. Fourteen persons were killed and forty injured, some of them seriously. Numerous other minor accidents have occurred with loss of life.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR.

At precisely 12 o'clock last night, weary with service and weighed down with the consciousness of many good resolutions unperformed and promises unfulfilled, 1871 took his departure to join in the long procession gone before, and 1872, glorious with new life and new promise bounded in to take his place. Old year, a long farewell! We shall never see thee again. Happy New Year! We greet thee, a new mile stone on life's journey, a new leaf in the history of our lives.

And what shall this new leaf be? Covered with blotches and scrawls, a record of acts we shall wish obliterated or a bright page of noble actions to which we can turn with never failing delight. Ah, these leaves! Always less than a hundred, often not twenty-five, and yet, they contain the record of a life time. Already have we commenced the record on the new leaf. Shall it be a better record than last year, than the year before? Are we really growing better as the dimness approaches our eyes, and the palsy our hand? It is possible that this leaf may be the last, God grant it may be without spot or blemish.

## STATE ITEMS.

Dr. W. H. Rockwell, Jr., for many years connected with the Insane Asylum at Brattleboro, and since his father's resignation its superintendent, has resigned, to take effect at some subsequent time.

The splendid water power just above West Lebanon and White River Junction will soon pass into the hands of a wealthy company, who will improve it. If so the largest town on the Connecticut, north of Springfield, Mass., will probably be located there.

We learn that the Mississquoi Valley House, at Sheldon Depot, was totally destroyed by fire, with all its contents, about 5 o'clock Tuesday, a.m. The fire is supposed to have originated from a chimney. Insurance, \$6,000 on the house and \$2,000 on the furniture. The loss is about double the amount of the insurance.

An honorable scruple. In the Senate on Thursday, on the motion to lay on the table the French Spoliation bill, Senator Edmunds of Vermont, when his name was called, said: "I ask to be excused from voting, as I have reason to believe that I have a certain interest, rather an indefinite one to be sure, but one that leads me to think I ought not to vote on this question."

We have received a copy of Walton's Register 1871, from the Claremont Manufacturing Co., of Claremont, N. H. A new system is observed in this number, by which each particular profession or calling is under one head, in a separate paragraph; a decided improvement. It is well and plainly printed, and full of valuable and interesting matter for reading and reference. It contains 262 pages.

The New York Mail says: "Vermont's contribution of statues for the decoration of the old Representatives' Hall at Washington will form as complete a representation of the genius of the State as could well be found. The statues themselves are to be those of Gen. Ethan Allen, the revolutionary hero of the Green Mountain State, and Judge Collamer, her greatest jurist and statesman; and they are to be wrought by two distinguished American sculptors, both sons of Vermont, the former by Larkin G. Meade, and the latter by Hiram Powers.

## OBITUARY.

Died, at Rupert, Vt., Dec. 24th, at the residence of Mr. Wm. A. Stearns, James T. Hale, aged 60 years.

Thus has silently passed away another of the landmarks of a past generation. Few persons, thirty years ago, were better known in the Northern part of Bennington Co., than the deceased. His integrity was of the most sterling quality, and so thoroughly understood and believed in by his customers that his word was always taken without a question.

He was the founder of the Christian Church in West Rupert, and was, during the days of its infancy, its main support. He lived to see his protege become a successful and thriving Society and community, and willing to repay as far as possible the debt he owed him.

Notwithstanding the reverses of fortune in former years, he had at length accumulated a sufficient property to carry him through life without an appeal to charity. He died from no particular disease, but simply from old age, his mind and wonderful memory first failing him. His friends and acquaintances will be pleased to learn that during the last three years of his life he found a home, with every comfort and care that he could ask for, at the residence of Mr. Stearns; and, although, from his helpless condition for the last three months, the task of caring for him has been anything but a pleasant one, it was thoroughly performed.

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